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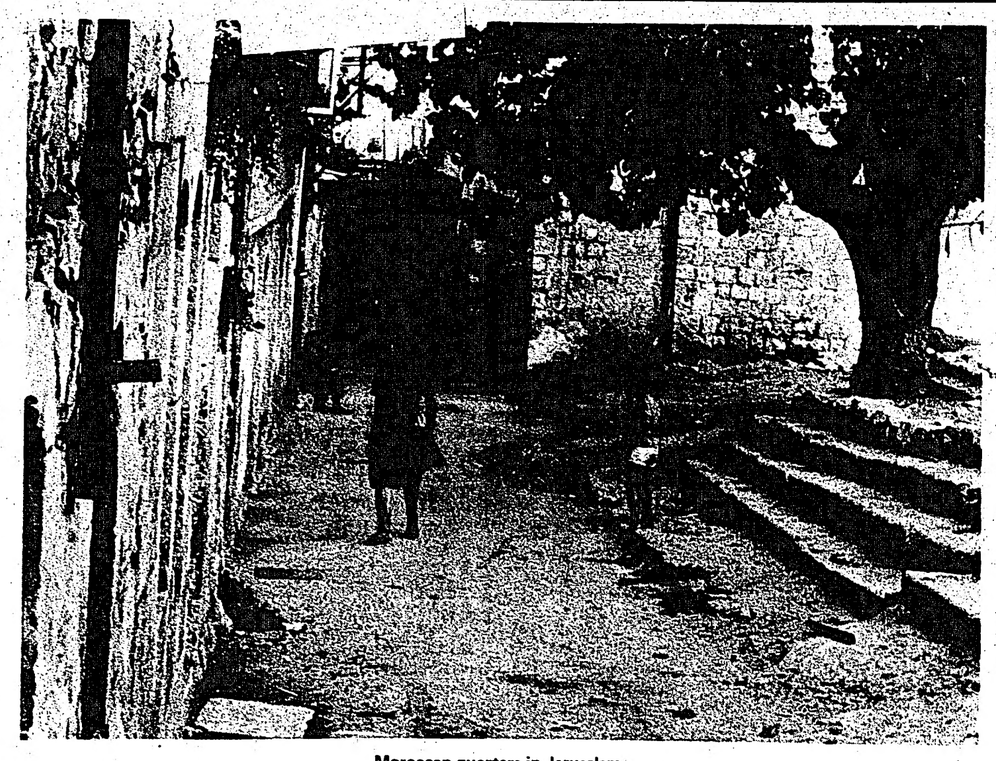

Moroccan quarters in Jerusalem

China U.N. entry may be block to Mid-East peace

Paris, (JCNS). - The French Government is reported to be apprehensive over the prospect of a Middle East settlement should Communist China be admitted to the United Nations because she could block any compromise solution by her veto in the Security Council, according to Western diplomatic sources here this week.

The Quai d'Orsay has so far expressed only generally favorable reaction to the announcement of the forthcoming visit by President Nixon to Peking. But this, presumably, will lead to a reassessment of world diplomatic prospects with special emphasis in regard to separate areas and problems.

Communist China, one source said, had always encouraged the demands by Arab extremists, and France feared that if and when Peking was admitted to the World forum she could exert her veto to block any compromise solution which would be reached by Big Power promptings.

In an obvious reference to France's advocacy of a compromise based on a total withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories, coupled with a Big-Power guarantee, the same source said: "It is just time to reach a reasonable solution before Peking occupies its Security Council seat. After that, it will be too late. China will veto any arrangement".

The source then significantly predicted that the Soviet Union might improve relations with Israel before China's admission in order to accelerate a Middle East settlement.

Mao Tse-tung friend ambassador to Canada

The only Chinese ambassador, outside Asia, who was permitted to remain at his post at the height of the cultural revolution in China, has arrived in Canada to take up his post as the first ambassador to this country from the People's Republic of China.

Huang Hua, reportedly an old friend and confidente of Mao-Tse-Tung, served from 1966 to 1969 as the ambassador to the United Arab Republic. In that job he was charged with Chinese diplomatic operations throughout Africa and the Middle East.

Defends handling social problems

Allegations that Israel is indifferent to the plight of her poor were labelled as "unwarranted and irresponsible" by Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, a vice chairman of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA, last week. He also rebutted charges by two Reform rabbis that Zionist bodies "embrace America's most reactionary politicians who would betray Israel overnight if it suited their purposes".

The allegation by another American rabbi residing in Israel that the country's poor are the only victims of the war situation was depicted by Rabbi Sternstein as "a shameful and irresponsible shaft at the entire Israeli community".

This ignores situations common to every Israeli, he said: economic hardship, poignant military and personal losses, and the spectre of a new conflagration.

"Does it need to be belabored," he asked, referring to the poverty of oriental Jews, "that Israel is striving mightily in the midst of an unprecedented defense burden to solve this problem with justice and equity?"

The ZOA leader cited "tremendous strides of ethnic fusion" in the army, education and labor, but added that "the pressure cooker of the ingathering of the exiles" cannot be "expected to produce palatable concoctions overnight."

Rabbi Sternstein's response to criticism of the policies of Zionist groups was directed at a personal statement delivered jointly last month by Rabbi David Polish, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, his immediate predecessor, to the CCAR's annual convention in St. Louis.

Calling their remarks "distorted and myopic", Rabbi Sternstein said "Zionists are not as quick to polarize individuals by the terms 'liberal' and 'reactionary' -- whatever these terms might mean today.

"For us, the issue is not who is a liberal and who is a reactionary," he said. "It is who is a friend of Israel and the Jewish people -- tried, tested, true -- and who is not."

There is no need to apologize for "the geo-political reality which binds Israel and the United States," Rabbi Sternstein said. "We are gratified by the assurance that America's security interests coincide with Israel's survival -- for both serve the cause of world peace and freedom."

Rabbi Sternstein also criticized as a "shameful accusation" the charge by Rabbis Gittelsohn and Polish that the American Jewish community's concern for Israel "rarely rises above the adulation for Israel's power."

That statement, he said, is "transparently false," adding: "The alternative question is whether we should be ashamed of Israel's power. The realities of the past twenty-three years testify to the fact that were it not for Israel's power -- and our support of it -- we would have been forced to weep for Israel's destruction."

on the wire

MAMZERIM PLAN TO MARRY JEWS

Jerusalem – The brother and sister whose efforts to reverse their status as mamzerim (bastards) in Jewish law has been championed by Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister, are planning to marry Jews in ceremonies to be conducted by a Reform rabbi. They will then seek Supreme Court recognition of their marriages.

Their lawyer, Mr. Ram Caspi, said that the law required only that marriages should be solemnised by a rabbi in accordance with the law of Israel. Nowhere, he said, was it stated in the law that the Orthodox rabbinate was the sole representative of Judaism.

Mr. Caspi accused the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, of surrendering to religious pressure in the government. He regards an appeal to the Supreme Court as the way to break Orthodox domination in matters of personal status.

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AMERICAN HITS AT ANGLO-JEWRY

New York – British Jews are showing some of the same symptoms in connection with the racial question in Britain as American Jews did in the United States over the same question there.

This is the view of Mr. Albert Vorspan, the director of the commission on social action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Liberal). He has just returned to New York after a visit to Britain, during which he addressed the annual conference of the Reform Synagogues in Great Britain.

Mr. Vorspan told the JCNS correspondent here: "British Jews say it (the race question) has nothing to do with Judaism, refer to non-Whites as "shvartzes" and get uncomfortable when one raises the entire problem, giving the impression they would prefer to avoid or ignore it."

Within the next five years, Mr. Vorspan predicted, Britain would be racked by some of the same issues now dividing the American community.

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MEIN KAMPF BANNED IN BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro – The sale or distribution of "Mein Kampf", by Adolf Hitler, has been banned in Brazil by order of the Minister of Justice, Dr. Alfredo Buzaid. After learning that a translation of the book into the Portuguese language was being prepared for sale, the police asked for a ruling and the Minister made known his decision on Wednesday.

He said the book had provoked "hatred against the Jewish people" and fomented "racial discrimination". Its doctrine led to the outbreak of the Second World War resulting in genocide "which is against the Brazilian Constitution".

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STRIKES IN ISRAEL CAUSE NEAR CHAOS

Jerusalem – Near chaos hit Israeli hospitals and clinics this week as staff boycotted out-patients' clinics in Government hospitals, and administrative staff in hospitals and Kupat Holim clinics went on strike on Tuesday. Only soldiers were being given medical attention as out-patients.

Telecommunication services between Israel and the outside world were disrupted by a strike on Tuesday, but this was settled in the afternoon.

Altogether on Tuesday morning some 21,000 Israelis were on strike for one reason or another.

The strikes reflect the disgruntlement caused by rising prices which the Government has failed to check. In addition, there are forecasts by economic experts of heavy new taxes on the way. Newspapers and parliamentarians of every hue are calling for firm action to bring the situation under control.

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TAXI DRIVERS RESENT WEST BANK COMPETITION

Jerusalem – Jewish and Arab taxi drivers in Jerusalem are planning a joint strike on Saturday, unless the police prevent West Bank taxi drivers from entering the city on the day and under-cutting them.

Public transport is not available in West Jerusalem on Saturdays and West Bank drivers have been having a field day.

Differ radically

Poverty, delinquency, housing discussed by visiting Jerusalem, Tel Aviv mayors

Radically different solutions to some of Israel's most pressing problems were offered by three Israeli mayors during a visit to Toronto this week.

Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yaffa, saw the solution to Israel's problems of housing, urban slums and poverty in the development of joint corporations formed by municipal and government authorities to build new hotels, refurbish the waterfront and engage in slum clearance.

Akiva Azoulay, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, felt confident that the Army's educational program would soon erase the educational differential between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews.

Rabbi Menachem Porush, Agudath Israel's choice as one of the five Vice-Mayors of Jerusalem, blamed secular education for the increase in delinquency and the emergence of a "Black Panther" group in Israel.

Rabbi Menachem Porush

"Because they gave the children of Sephardic families secular education, they took away from these children their traditional way of life. They deprived them of their original faith with its emphasis on honoring parents, honoring rabbis and honoring the Sabbath," Rabbi Porush stated.

He continued, "Even if the children of Sephardic families did not receive a great deal of formal education, nevertheless their customs kept them within certain bounds.

"Secular educators were grossly mistaken when they held that these children, products of a tradition of piety, have nothing within themselves. Torn from their traditions, living in poverty and unable to compete through lack of education, they formed groups such as the Black Panthers.

"But you will not find observant families among the Black Panthers even though they may live in equally poor circumstances. Those who remain traditional may be suffering, but they are asking, not protesting; they are pleading, not demanding."

Tel Aviv's Mayor, Mr. Rabinowitz, described his city as the hub of an economic area which includes Bat Yam, Ramat Gan and several other cities, with a total population of one million. Because of its centrality, Tel Aviv is suffering from a severe traffic problem. Over seventy thousand automobiles are now registered to Tel Aviv citizens, but over two hundred thousand vehicles pass through Tel Aviv daily.

A subway is considered the basic solution to the traffic problem and a large sum has been allocated to complete the first stage. However, many other urgent needs compete for funds and priority.

Although Tel Aviv is a new city it nevertheless has a severe slum-clearance problem. Yaffa, a centuries old, oriental city, is part of Tel Aviv. Even the new city grew without planning. Some of the original houses built by the early settlers are still in use because of the extreme housing shortage.

Tel Aviv's Mayor announced that the government plans to completely rebuild the beach that stretches from Tel Aviv harbour to Yaffa. This will mean a series of new high-rise hotels, breakwaters to curb the tides and avenues to create a setting of beauty.

The Mayor did not fear that Tel Aviv would become a Middle East Miami. On the contrary, he welcomed the idea and disclosed that a joint company had been formed uniting the municipality of Tel Aviv and a group of Los Angeles Jews to build a marina city which would invest $150,000,000 in the creation of hotels, shopping centers and boating facilities. Another corporation is undertaking to combat the slums in his city.

"Our country began as a very poor country. What has really happened is that our standard of living has increased so rapidly that relative poverty, the difference between the well-to-do and the poor has become the important problem," Rabinowitz stated.

Azoulay, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, representing the Labor Party, has been assigned by Mayor Teddy Kolleck to be his liaison with the Black Panthers. He has formed a committee which includes representatives of the Panthers as well as North African immigrants, the local

Yehoshua Rabinowitz

Sephardic Jews, and university students of Sephardic descent. Azoulay stressed that delinquency and rebellion would result if the Sephardic Jewish community were not integrated with the Ashkenazi community without a prolonged delay.

"It will take its own course," Azoulay stated. "In the army, the university and the police force, all receive equal opportunity for promotion and education. These institutions will create the necessary changes in levels of education."

"The whole jealousy between groups is around education. Improvement is slow, but it is steady."

Azoulay discounted the importance of the Black Panthers. "I know each and every one of them and there really are no more than twelve to twenty members. However, when they announce a demonstration, those who live in overcrowded housing, those who have a grievance, and particularly the Communists who would like to stir things up, join in with them. But I know them, and they're essentially good people."

Rabbi Porush disagreed vigorously with the statements made by the other Mayors. He insisted, "If we neglect the problems of the Black Panthers it will become very serious. Seventy per cent of the children in elementary schools are from North African families. By the time they reach High School, only sixteen to eighteen per cent of the students are of Sephardic origin.

"The army will not help them catch up. Because of their lack of education they are rejected by the army."

The Mayors were in Toronto to attend the 1971 Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities.

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Public pessimistic on peace chances

Jerusalem. - A public opinion poll conducted by the Hebrew University Institute of Communications shows that there is a unanimous refusal by Israeli Jews to give up East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights or Sharm El-Sheikh.

In order to achieve peace some would give up the West Bank and Gaza and more would give up Sinai, excluding Sharm El-Sheikh.

Only six per cent are in favor of total return of the occupied territories. Twenty per cent are in favor of a partial withdrawal, and 21 per cent would give nothing up.

The public is pessimistic about the chances of peace with the Arabs in the next five years. Two-thirds are satisfied with the way the Government handles its policy. Many condemn the way Government clerks treat the public: 80 per cent say it is not good. Two-thirds believe the relations between Ashkenazim and Sephardim are good but 42 per cent say there is some sort of discrimination. A surprising number of Israelis -- 78 per cent -- are ready to make a sacrifice in their living standards if the country needs it. The figure is higher than in previous surveys.

Project SOS seeks employment for students

Students desiring summer employment are being assisted by a special employment agency operated under the join sponsorship of three community organizations. An official of the placement center reports that most employers are satisfied with the applicants, particularly those with work experience or job skills. The agency's modus operandi is described in a release forwarded to The Canadian Jewish News which states:

Project SOS (Summer Occupations for Students) has been coordinated under the sponsorship of the Jewish Vocational Service, the YMHA and the Jewish Family and Child Service. It is a non-sectarian program intended to assist Metro students in finding summer employment.

Essentially, there are two components to the SOS service. Firstly, we are attempting to place as many students as possible in specific jobs -- upon the request of an employer. Secondly, we have tried to encourage students to set up their own job creation projects. We recognize the fact that not all of our students can be placed in the conventional manner, thus these projects are intended to give students an opportunity of creating renumerative work for themselves, without affecting the full time labor force.

Up to this date, we have had approximately 350 student applications. Of these, we have managed to find jobs (full or part time) for about 90 students while a number of other students have found jobs for themselves, we still have a substantial number of applicants without work of any kind. In this respect, one of the major difficulties we have encountered has been the placement of our younger students (15-17 yrs.). These are students desperately searching for work experience in any kind of labor. So too, we have students (male and female) capable of filling such positions as receptionist and other clerical duties, shippers and receivers, maintenance men, dishwashers, and many other jobs required by an employer. At this time, we would very much like to appeal to employers on this basis.

With reference to our projects, we now have two services available for the community. A Handyman Service has been in operation these past few weeks, and, has proved to be quite successful. Presently, about six students are involved in working at odd jobs such as lawn cutting, window washing, garage cleaning, fence painting and others. They are hampered by transportation and equipment costs, and we are looking for financial support in this area.

A Tutoring Service has been organized through our SOS offices. It is intended to merely supplement a student's summer earnings, while making available to the community the student's particular academic talent, (e.g. Math, Hebrew, French and Spanish).

We are presently trying to organize a student "Craft-Fair" to be held in August. It is intended for all Metro students who make their own arts and crafts (on their own time). Hopefully, it will provide them with an opportunity of meeting other students, while providing them with an opportunity to display their talents and make some money from sales of their materials. We, in turn, will provide the necessary publicity and are looking for a suitable location. The feasibility of such a Fair depends upon student involvement.

Finally, a "Clean-Up" program has been discussed. It has not materialized, however, since we have not been able to locate a sponsor for it.

As far as our office is concerned, we are located at the Northern YMHA Building in North York. Project SOS has two paid staff members, Allan Poss, coordinator, and Sally Mintz, assistant coordinator, plus about 5 or 6 volunteers who assist with interviewing applicants and phone solicitations. Those wishing more information are asked to call 636-1880 or 636-0209.

Buses stoned in religious riot

Jerusalem. - Jerusalem had its fourth successive Shabbat of violence on Saturday when members of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect, jeered on by anti-religious opponents, paraded from Mea Shearim to the outskirts of the city.

They shouted "shabbes, shabbes" at passing car drivers and exchanged stones with counter-demonstrators.

The real violence, however, came after dark when Egged buses, inaugurating the post-Sabbath service through Mea Shearim, were again stoned. Egged drivers suspended their service for the rest of the evening, while police moved in to restore order.

Also during the day members of Hashomer Hatzair staged a demonstration against "religious hooliganism". There were no incidents.

Both the police and city leaders are anxious to break this pattern of Sabbath violence which only serves to polarize religious and anti-religious feelings in the capital and which, it is feared, will increasingly attract hooligan elements looking for a fight.

Vatican claims desecration

Rome. - The Vatican has fired another shot in its campaign against what it terms the "Judaization" of Jerusalem, this time in the form of an article by Professor Federico Alessandrini, the official Vatican spokesman.

Professor Alessandrini, who is also editor of the Vatican weekly, Osservatore della Domenica, accused Israel in the latest issue of his paper of expelling Christians from Jerusalem before the 1967 Six-Day War.

Referring to Israeli statements that the number of Christians in Jerusalem had decreased by 20,000 during the Jordanian occupation of East Jerusalem between 1948 and 1967, Professor Alessandrini wrote: "It was not specified that the exodus did not take place spontaneously, particularly from that part of the city occupied by the Israelis".

DESECRATION CLAIM

His article accused Israeli troops who captured East Jerusalem in the Six-Day War of having desecrated Christian Holy Places, and then criticized Israeli building operations in the Israeli capital. He wrote:

"And now, these places over which hatred and futility have been set loose and threaten to manifest themselves again are being covered by concrete beehives. These are also causing indignation among those Israelis who are more conscious of the significance of Jerusalem. . ."

Rabbi Rosenberg

Delays decision

A radio news report that Jewish day school supporters will cooperate with Catholic and other separate school spokesmen in voting against the Davis government unless their request for aid is complied with was not confirmed by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg.

The Canadian Jewish News was informed that "We will wait for future developments to make our decision on political action".

In a letter to a Toronto newspaper, Dr. N. A. Mancini, president of the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association, has also denied saying that Catholic voters will plan action in the forthcoming election.

Premier William Davis has opposed extension of the non-public school sector in the past, but has recently promised an early statement of clarification on the problem.

Rabbi Rosenberg, Chairman of the Ontario Committee for Government Aid to Jewish Day Schools, said:

"A statement in principle from the Davis Government must be made on this subject before the legislature is prorogued. There is no reason why a policy announcement in principle cannot be made at once -- indicating where the Conservative Government stands on this question.

"Our Committee has been promised that this matter will be dealt with 'in package form' so that Catholic, Jewish and Protestant groups will be treated with the same degree of fairness and equity."

Eban optimistic

Arab-Soviet offensive fails to budge Israel

Jerusalem, - "The pretensions of the movement of ideological extremism are being shattered and its standard bearers are finding a kind of refuge in the country they swore to destroy", Mr. Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, told the Knesset last night.

He was reviewing Israel's foreign policy and referring to the crossing of Arab terrorists fleeing the Jordanians in the course of presenting his Ministry's annual budget.

His overall picture was that, despite the strength of the Arab-Soviet offensive over the past four years, "Israel remained in the ceasefire positions without any political pressure having been exerted to force her out. She has found and is finding ways to strengthen her defences. She is receiving massive economic aid and instead of being isolated and cut off from her world-wide contacts, she is expanding them in every field and on every continent, and has become a focal point of world interest".

FOREIGN VISITORS

In support of his last point Mr. Eban instanced the fact that in the last two months Israel had been visited by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Italy and Germany by the First Deputy Foreign Minister of Rumania, by the President and Foreign and Defense Ministers of Uganda, and by a high-level mission from Cambodia.

During August Israel would receive the Vice-Presidents and Ministers from more than 20 countries. One visitor at the end of next week, said Mr. Eban, would be Mr. Joseph Sisco, American Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, with whom Israel had agreed to examine an interim Suez Canal agreement and other subjects.

In this context, he declared, there were grounds for assuming that if Russian involvement in the Middle East had not led to even graver consequences than those which had emerged, it was "because of the clear impression that the U.S. has certain interests and a position in the Mediterranean and the Middle East".

COMMUNIST CHINA

In a reference to Communist China, Mr. Eban recalled that Israel was one of the first country's to recognize her and show goodwill toward her achievements, but ever since the Bandung conference of 1955, the Chinese Government had chosen to ignore Israel.

"Nevertheless, China has never been erased from Israel's political thinking, for who can ignore China's world position and influence on international developments?"

Israel's foreign policy had actively to consider developments regarding China just as "we shall carefully examine every true and authoritative expression of Soviet readiness to carry out a balanced policy which is the only one that could make a true contribution towards the establishment of peace in the area, and a fundamental change in the relations between the USSR and Israel," Mr. Eban concluded.

Israeli Ambassador in Canada, Ephraim Evron, Mrs. Evron and National President of the Zionist Organization at farewell reception.

Holy Blossom aide ordained in Israel

The First Reform rabbi to be ordained in Israel, Rabbi Stephen D. Franklin of Dudley, Massachesetts, has taken up his new duties as rabbinical assistant at Holy Blossom Temple. He has served several American congregations as a student rabbi and was a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Rabbi Franklin received his B.A. in 1963 from Williams College, where he graduated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude, with honors in English. Pursuing his rabbinical studies at Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College he spent 1965-1966 at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, while on leave from the seminary, and accelerated through the five-year residence program of Reform training in four years.

He set a precedent when he was allowed to go back to Jerusalem in 1968-69 to work on his rabbinic thesis, a project involving original translations and analyses of medieval Aramaic and Hebrew Talmudic commentaries. Another first occurred when because ordination documentation was required by the U.S. Navy before the end of the year -- Franklin was slated to become a chaplain -- the Jerusalem Hebrew Union College conferred early ordination on him, making him the first Reform rabbi to be ordained in Israel. He then returned to the Cincinnati seminary and received its rabbinical ordination and the degree of Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters.

International efforts for Soviet Jews

Mass lobby of British M.P.s

London. - The Archdeacon of Leicester and the Bishop of Stepney joined more than 1,100 Jews and Gentiles on Tuesday in a mass lobbying of MPs at Westminister to enlist support in the cause of Soviet Jewry.

A total of 247 MPs of all parties were seen by the groups, who were taking part in "Operation Westminister", organized by Mr. David Tack, national vice-chairman of the Association of Jewish Ex-Service men and women. Some 40 MPs who were not approached came out of the House on their own accord to offer help.

As a result of the lobby, the Members are to write to the Soviet Ambassador in London, Mr. M. Smirnovsky, asking him to help in the release of all Russian Jewish political prisoners. They also intend to ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Heath, to intervene with the Soviet Government.

MORE SIGNATURES

At the same time, the "early day" motion on Soviet Jewry, introduced by Mr. Greville Janner MP, has attracted further signatures.

The Roman Catholic Prior of Leicester, representatives of the Council of Christians and Jews, the Methodist and Baptist Churches, the United Nations Association, borough and urban councils and the trades unions also took part in the demonstration.

Sir Keith Joseph, the Minister for Social Services, and Sir Clive Bossom, parliamentary private secretary to the Home Secretary, were among those who discussed the matter with their constituents.

Mrs. Barbara Castle, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Denis Healey, Mr. Douglas Jay and Mr. Peter Shore, all former Cabinet Ministers in Mr. Harold Wilson's administration, also pledged their support and scores of MPs, it is understood, will address protest meetings if called on to do so.

Appeal not successful

London, - The nine Jews sentenced to imprisonment in Leningrad in May -- their appeals were dismissed this week -- were tricked by the prosecution into pleading guilty at their trial. The facts, from unimpeachable sources, have only now reached the West.

The charges facing the nine at their May trial included one of complicity in the alleged aircraft hijacking attempt in Leningrad last year.

At the May hearing, the nine defendants denied the charges against them throughout the first two days of the proceedings. Then, however, the prosecutor offered them a deal.

If they would admit their guilt he told them, he could promise that they would get away with light, purely symbolic prison sentences. The defendants accepted the proffered deal and made qualified admissions of guilt.

But the prosecutor broke his promise. He demanded heavy sentences and the court passed them. Grigory Butman was sentenced to 10 years; Mikhail Kornblit to 8 years; Lassal Kaminsky to 6 years; Lev Yagman to 5 years; Solomon Dreizner, Lev Kornblit, Viktor Boguslavsky to 3 years, Viktor Shtilbans to 1 year.

POLICE CORDON OFF COURT

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court of the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic in Moscow heard and dismissed their appeals, while police cordoned off the building.

In accordance with normal Soviet practice, the appellants were not present in court. The proceedings lasted 5-1/2 hours. No relatives of friends except wives were allowed to enter the court, but a group of Leningrad Jews waited outside to show their solidarity with the nine.

While awaiting the hearing of their appeal, the nine appellants were held in Leningrad prison. According to reliable reports they look ill. The prison warders are showing a hostile attitude towards them. They will now be transferred to labor camps.

USA not emigrant goal

Proposed legislation that would open U.S. immigration rolls to thousands of Soviet Jews "can only divert attention from their primary demand to be permitted to go to Israel," Herman L. Weisman of New York, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said last week.

"Congressmen who have recommended a special adjustment of American immigration quotas are well-intentioned and sensitive to the Kremlin's repressive policies toward its Jewish citizens," Mr. Weisman declared.

But efforts in this direction, he said, "ignore the fact that every appeal and petition by Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate cites their right, and their need, to live full Jewish lives in Israel."

Mr. Weisman emphasized that members of Congress are in a key position to help bring about the lowering of Soviet emigration barriers.

He urged them to concentrate on calling for the United States to raise the issue before the United Nations General Assembly, and to continue to speak out in support of Soviet Jewry.

Mr. Weisman also announced designation by the ZOA of September 12-18 as American Zionist - Soviet Jewry Solidarity Week.

ZOA Regions and Districts throughout the country will sponsor meetings and rallies, collect and deliver petitions to American and Soviet government officials and confer with political, church, education and civic leaders in their communities, he said.

The week-long activities, Mr. Weisman added, will stress "the resurgence of Zionism among Jews in the Soviet Union, historically a fertile breeding ground for Zionist feeling and expression."

Await more Phantoms

Washington. - The United States is to resume deliveries of Phantom jet fighters to Israel "sometime this year", according to very reliable sources in Washington. The American Government is likely to send Israel a positive reply -- if it has not already done so -- to Jerusalem's ten-month old request for more Phantoms before Mr. Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, leaves for Israel later this month for talks with Mrs. Meir and Mr. Eban.

The United States stopped sending Phantom jets in June when the last arms contract was completed, and the Israelis felt that the delay in the U.S. comitment to resume shipments in fact constituted a form of pressure to make concessions for a Middle East settlement.

Washington admitted this week that the Soviet Union has stepped up supplies of jet aircraft to Egypt and Syria. American intelligence sources, quoted by the New York Times, stated that Egypt had received nearly 100 MiG-21s fighter aircraft from Russia in the past ten months. This total compared with only 90 MiG-21s supplied by the Soviet Union to Egypt between the end of the Six-Day War in June, 1967, and the middle of last year. Syria was reported to have received 21 MiG-21s in the past three months as well as 14 other aircraft and 22 troop-carrying helicopters. State Department officials confirmed that the reports were accurate "in a general way".

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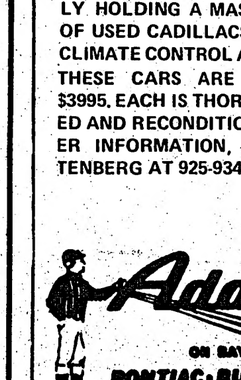

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Arab instability

Consistent turmoil

The revolving door of revolution in the Sudan which saw Major General Jaafar El-Nimeriy returned to office three days after his overthrow, followed on the heels of an abortive revolution attempt in Morocco. This, in turn, occurred within a month of the arrest by Egyptian president Sadat of half of his cabinet whom he accused of plotting revolution. Earlier in the year, the military leaders of the Ba'ath Party in Syria deposed the military leaders in another branch of the same party. King Hussein, alternately embraced Yassir Arafat or trained his cannon on him. The war in Yemen continues to smolder and the only unifying theme is opposition to Israel.

Small wonder then that the Beirut newspaper, Al-Jarida, recently asked, "When will the democratic solution replace tank and cannon and the killing of people?"

Efforts to offer deep complicated interpretations of these events are frankly useless. The ideological differences between the various Arab leaders, are, in reality, inconsequential. "Arab socialism" has been a political catch word and a sham from the beginning.

The only consistent winner in these situations is the Soviet Union. Had the coup in Morocco succeeded, its left wing leadership would certainly have forced the Americans to remove the last air base available to the U.S.A. in the Southern Mediterranean. Its importance to the balance between Russian and American forces in the Mediterranean is obvious.

More important, however, is the danger to Israel of depending on such flimsy governments for peace and stability.

Sadat deadline

Christians - please note!

According to a Reuters dispatch, Egyptian President, Anwar Sadat, declared this week that the Arab conflict with Israel will be decided in 1971, even if it costs the Egyptians a million casualties.

"The no-war no-peace situation will not last. No matter what the sacrifices are, this decision will be made in 1971," he said. "I will not let 1971 pass without this battle being decided."

What is offered here is a clear declaration that the war will be renewed, that Egypt will take the offensive in order to end the present stalemated negotiations. This, in spite of the fact that Israelis are consistently calling for peace and prepared to return much of the territory presently occupied. Israel is clearly eager to build sound friendly relationships with her Arab neighbours.

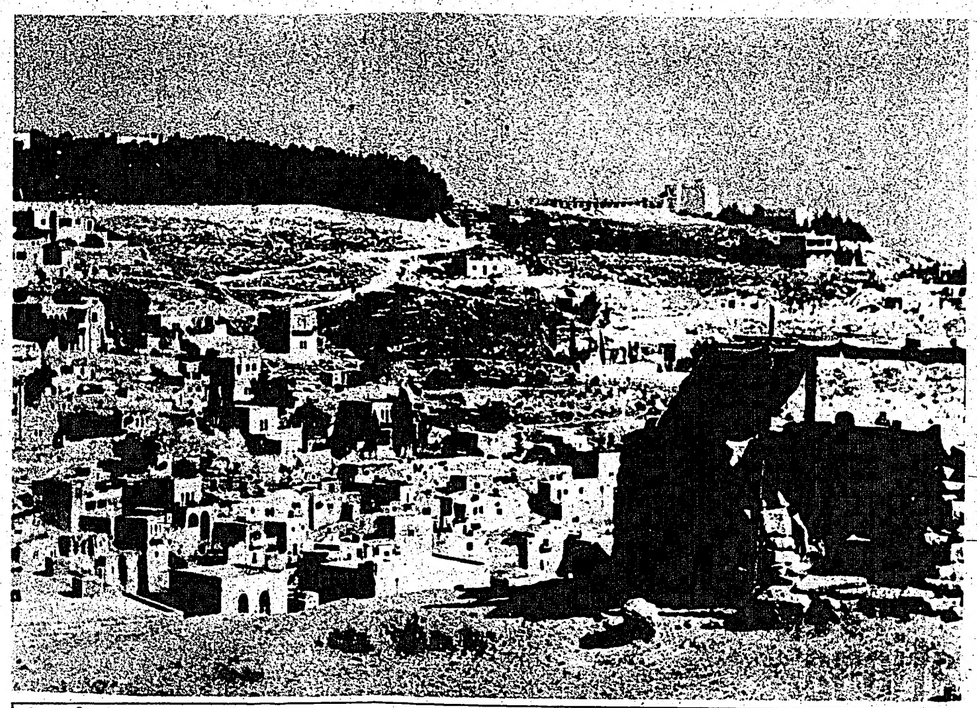
Christians, please note!

Sadat's sabre rattling is no less threatening than was Nasser's in 1967. But how quickly the world forgot the series of events which compelled Israel to react four summers ago.

Please do not dismiss the Egyptian President's threats as mere Arab rhetoric. In the years preceding 1967 Christians tended to discount Nasser's demand that Israel be driven into the sea. You tended to ignore the demands of other Arab leaders that Israel and her people be destroyed.

Christians, please note that we, as Jews, have had two thousand years of experience in dealing with people's threats to slaughter us. We have learned not to dismiss such threats as mere eloquence. We have learned, as a result of our bitter experience, that those who make speeches calling for the elimination of Jews usually mean to try. All too often they have nearly succeeded.

Christians, please be aware that there is no sound reason to assume that there is no connection between the threats of an Arab leader and his intention to execute them. On the contrary, those scholars who thoroughly understand Arab society recognize that Arab threats of revenge serve as public commitments that such revenge will indeed be exacted. Such are the demands of manhood in an Arab culture.



Seeks concessions

Washington - Jerusalem differ on second Sisco visit

Washington. - Mr. Joseph Sisco, American Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, will fly to Israel sometime next week for talks with Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, and other Cabinet Ministers. He will also meet Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister.

This was announced here by Mr. Charles Bray, the State Department spokesman.

Mr. Sisco, whose trip to Israel will be the second to the Middle East in three months, was authorized to go to Jerusalem during the White House conference which took place in San Clemente, California.

It follows the return here the same night of Mr. Michael Sterner, the head of the Egyptian desk at the State Department, and Mr. Donald Bergus, the American Charge d'Affaires in Egypt, from an eight-day visit to Cairo.

Officials here will not go beyond saying that in conversations with Mr. Sterner and Mr. Bergus, Egyptian leaders "raised no objections to U.S. ideas on how to proceed with an interim Suez Canal agreement".

Mr. Sisco is not taking with him to Jerusalem any blueprint, officials here are stressing, but the impression is that he will be taking along substantive ideas on Suez as prepared by the State Department in the past month.

However, no precondition has been laid down by either side for Mr. Sisco's trip. Both sides may raise any subject they wish, the officials say.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sisco is expected to be able to rely on a continuation of the ceasefire as the strongest argument for more Israeli flexibility, and will seek to wheedle out technical concessions on the number of miles and soldiers involved in an eventual partial withdrawal of Israeli troops.

He may also try to persuade Israel to accept the American argument that there is a connection between partial withdrawal and further withdrawils, which could be expressed in an Israeli reaffirmation of Resolution 242 to be attached to an interim agreement on Suez.

Jerusalem. - When Mr. Joseph Sisco, the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, arrives later this month to pursue the talks of an interim Suez accord he is expected to hear from his Israeli hosts that Israel is still interested in a special arrangement for the reopening of the Canal.

She would, in proper circumstances, agree to some withdrawal of her forces from the waterway, and even to the crossing of Egyptian civilian crews to the eastern bank to dredge the Canal and operate it when opened.

Stating this, diplomatic sources added that Israel would under no circumstances agree to any withdrawal from the Canal as part of an undertaking to a total evacuation of Sinai.

Her agreement to an interim Suez accord would lapse unless the United States renewed the contracts for the delivery of Phantom jets to the Jewish State. Jerusalem rejects the Egyptian theory that the role of mediator (by the U.S.) is incompatible with that of arms supplier at a time when Egypt is being feverishly rearmed by the Soviet Union.

DENIAL OF AMERICAN CLAIMS

Meanwhile, political sources here have denied claims reportedly made by some American officials that the main stumbling block to a Suez agreement is Israel's refusal to pull back at a reasonable distance from the Canal and allow an Egyptian presence on the east bank.

The real bone of contention, they say, is Egypt's insistence on winning, through a Suez agreement, what she failed to obtain in war or through Dr. Gunnar Jarring, namely an Israeli commitment to withdraw from all occupied territories.

The publications by sources close to the Government of Israel's conditions on the eve of the expected Sisco visit underlines Israel's determination to make no further concessions in the face of Egypt's intransigence.

West Bank return Hussein aim in anti-terrorist drive

Jerusalem. - Arab visitors who crossed the Damia and Allenby bridges into the West Bank last Monday under the summer holiday scheme have reported hearing terrorists using loud-speakers appealing to Israeli soldiers to allow them to surrender.

The visitors, who had come from Syria, said there were large concentrations of Syrian troops along the Syrian side of the Jordan border. They also said that check points had been installed by the Jordan Army in East Gilead mountains, between the desert and the Iraqi borders, and that the Jordanians were ruthlessly pushing their offensive in the region.

The arrivals from the East Bank put terrorist casualties between 1,500 and 2,000 in dead and wounded, but these figures could well be exaggerated.

To the question repeatedly being put as to why King Hussein was pushing his anti-terrorist offensive at the cost of being condemned by all Arab countries (although none had one so far as to intervene physically on behalf of the terrorists) Israeli observers have drawn two interpretations:

Or, that he is determined once and for all to put an end to repeated threats to overthrow his regime made by the most extreme of the terror groups, and two, that he is determined to demonstrate both to the Israelis and the world at large, that he is able to control the terrorists and thus to establish his worthiness to reclaim the West Bank from Israel in a peace agreement.

With regard to the latter, the Israelis have always argued that it is all very well making peace with Hussein but who would guarantee that the terrorists would not discard any agreement reached. This element in their argument has now been apparently removed.

Uganda opens embassy in Jerusalem

Jerusalem. - Israel seems to have found what amounts to a Moslem ally. In a return visit to Jerusalem at the weekend, during which he met separately with both Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister and Lieutenant-General Haim Barlev, the Chief of Staff, and also met Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Defense Minister, General Idi Amin, the President of Uganda, announced that his country -- so far without diplomatic representation in Israel -- would open an embassy in Jerusalem.

Only 20 of the 46 countries with embassies in Israel have established them in Jerusalem. In the main, the Jerusalem embassies represent African and South American countries with Holland providing the sole European exception. Both Britain and the United States have steadfastly refused to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and maintain their missions in Tel Aviv, with representation at consular level in Jerusalem.

General Amin, while in Jerusalem, visited both the Mosque of Omar and El Aksa Mosque. He was received by Arab notables to whom he left a donation of $2,000 for the upkeep of the structures. He also indicated his appreciation of the manner in which they safeguarded the sanctity of the Moslem Holy Places.

President Amin, who is believed to have finalized arrangements during his second visit for increased Israeli training and other assistance to his armed forces, stressed at the dinner given in his honor by Mr. Eban, Israel's desire for peace with the Arab world. He undertook to make this point within the Organization of African Unity of which his country is a member and which has been notably hostile to Israel.

AMERICAN "SPY" PLANES OVER CANAL?

Jerusalem – Israeli sources here have refused to confirm or deny that Israel is giving facilities to United States "spy" planes which have been reported flying over the Suez Canal front.

The same sources indicated they were not aware that any Egyptian spy planes were operating from Egypt.

guest editorial

Jerusalem alive

(from The Jerusalem Post)

An editorial in "The Times" on Jerusalem this week suggests that certain Englishmen continue to think about Jews and Eretz Yisrael in the romantic "Palestine" cliches of the Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian travelogues, Sunday School texts, paintings and photographs. Of the housing which public and private builders are putting up around Jerusalem "The Times" says: "These destroy the Judean landscape familiar to generations of pilgrims" – yes, indeed, a landscape idyllically unpeopled except for an occasional Biblical shepherd, tending his Biblical flock, Biblical flute in mouth and crook leaning on rock on barren Biblical hillside.

Rotogravure Jews

The times has changed, but "The Times" has not, and it cannot yet accept the fact that the Biblical Jews are once again sovereign in their Biblical land and living in it – living, not merely posing for Biblical rotogravures being shot by English pilgrims. It cannot accept that this is not the first time that "the city and its surroundings are being transformed, politically and visually, in a manner that seems to allow of no return." For this time the transformation is not of destruction by the Assyrians or Babylonians or Romans, by Crusaders massacring Jews and Moslems and building churches, hospices and monasteries over the corpses, or by Moslems burying Jewish shrines in dung, sometimes destroying or appropriating for their own uses Jewish and Christian shrines. This time the transformation is being carried out by living, thriving Jews, and being carried out in a largely peaceable manner; and the present transformation includes the improvement of the lot of the city's Moslem and Christian residents and the repair and improvement of Moslem and Christian shrines, in a cooperative effort where called for and agreed to by the latter.

The same essentially applies to an article in "Osservatore della Domenica" by its editor, Prof. Alessandrini. It is true that in the 1948 War, launched by the Arabs in their effort to frustrate the 1947 U.N. partition resolution and the resolution on the internationalization of Jerusalem, which the U.N. made no effort to enforce, and in the Six Day War, shells landed in cemeteries and on shrines on both sides of the firing lines. As a result of the 1948 fighting, some cemeteries and shrines became front-line positions from which shots were sometimes exchanged over the 19 years till the end of the Six Day War and some left their mark in no-man's-land. Soldiers of both sides committed indecencies in some of the cemeteries and shrines which they occupied. But nothing matches the performance of the Jordanians; the wanton, officially sponsored or encouraged destruction of most of the Jewish shrines in the Old City and desecration of the Mt. of Olives Cemetery *after* the 1948 war.

Cemetery desecration

Concerning the Vatican's attitude to Jordanian atrocities against Jewish holy places after 1948, Prof. Alessandrini can only say that a protest prevented the Jordanians from building a garage in the Jewish cemetery in Nahal Kidron, But the Vatican, he says, was helpless to prevent the desecration of the Mt. of Olives Cemetery for the construction of the Intercontinental Hotel. Also helpless, apparently, to prevent – or even to protest against – the bombing by Jordanian Legionnaires of followed by the burning of holy books in, the Orthodox Cathedral in Amman where some Fatah took shelter in last September's civil war; or the Legionnaires' destruction of the Franciscans' Terra Sancta School in Amman.

Sadly, it all seems to have to do largely with politics rather than with people. For if people were the issue, "The Times," and the "Osservatore" would be celebrating the fact that under Israeli rule since 1967, "for the first time in 2,000 years," the people of Jerusalem are living in peace (if not love), and are worshipping undisturbed wherever they wish.

ASK THE RABBI

a JCNS featurette

Q. Is there such a thing as the evil eye in the Jewish religion? If so, how do you counteract it?

A. It all depends on what you mean by the Jewish religion. If you mean should Jews believe in the evil eye, there have been many Jewish teachers who considered the belief to be sheer superstition to be rejected. If, however, you mean is the belief referred to in Jewish sources and were there Jewish teachers who accepted it, then the answer is yes.

The Mishna (Avot 2, 11) refers to the evil eye, ayin hara: "Rabbi Joshua said: the evil eye, the evil inclination and hatred of mankind put a man out of the world". From the context it is clear that the reference is not at all to any magic power of the eye but simply to the idea that a man who is prey to ungovernable envy of the good fortune of others has no peace in his soul.

Nor is there a reference to the evil eye in the magical sense anywhere in the Mishna. On the other hand, there are numerous references to it in Talmudic literature, especially in the Babylonian Talmud. Later teachers also believed in it. One of the reasons given why two brothers or a father and son should not be called to the Torah one immediately after the other is because of the evil eye. This is one of the reasons given, too, why children whose parents are still alive should leave the synagogue during Yizkor.

If you are interested in this bizzare subject, the two works to be consulted are: Angelo S. Rappoport: "The Folklore of the Jews" and Joshua Trachtenberg: "Jewish Magic and Superstition". In these works you will find ways that have been suggested for counteracting the evil eye. But my advice to you is to ignore the whole thing.

* * *

Q. In view of the Biblical and Talmudic prohibition against inflicting self-injury, should the rabbinate assist the campaign against smoking?

A. There is no doubt at all that Judaism frowns on inflicting self-injury and that anything dangerous to life is strictly forbidden. Even where there is doubt whether danger is present the possibility is enough to establish the prohibition. For instance the reason given in the Talmud for washing the hands after meals is that a certain salt used in those days could have a harmful effect on the eyes if brought into close proximity with them. Similarly, it was forbidden to drink liquid that had been left uncovered in case a snake had injected its venom into it, and this applied even where the risk was remote.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Confused girl" asks Rabbi

The following letter was received today by The Canadian Jewish News. It is addressed to the "Ask the Rabbi" featurette which regularly appears in our pages. Since the author of the column does not respond to letters of this nature, we are printing the letter of "A confused Jewish girl" in the hope that the rabbis in this community will choose to respond. The letter is a sincere one and deserves a reply. The questions are of broad enough interest to deserve publication in The Canadian Jewish News.

Dear Rabbi:

There is something that many of our young people don't think about before engaging in premarital sex -- that is, the legal aspects according to the Halacha. Because it is very hard to approach a rabbi whom one does not know too well, and ask such personal questions, perhaps you could devote a section of your column to answering these questions?

1. If two unmarried people have intercourse, are they considered married or must they have a formal ceremoney at which time they will be considered married. What if only "heavy petting" is involved?

2. If they decide they do not want to become marriage partners, must they get a formal divorce ("get") from a rabbi before each is free to marry another, because intercourse has "married" them? Or must they be formally married and formally divorced before being free to marry another? Or, are they either automatically free despite intercourse or automatically not free, because of intercourse?

3. Is an Orthodox Jew forbidden to marry a non-virgin who has received sexual experience in a pre-marital situation?

4. Is a child considered illegitimate if it is conceived while its parents are unmarried but is born after its parents have had a formal ceremony, or is a child illegitimate only if born when its parents have not married?

I realize that these questions are rather long-winded, but I wanted to make them very clear. You usually discuss much simpler questions, but I feel that with so many more Jewish youth experiencing pre-marital sex, it is important to discuss such questions in the communications media. I might also very respectfully add that it would be a good idea to enlarge the scope of the "Ask the Rabbi" featurette so that the Halachic point of view with regard to such things as drug-taking, could be presented.

Thank you very much.

A confused Jewish girl

How do you define a fanatic?

Many years ago, one of my neighbours, because he cared for the world and was disturbed by the human waste of the Depression and the anti-semitism that followed in its wake, became a Communist. Once he accepted his new faith, it became curiously rigid. When the world was shocked by Stalin's massive purges, he eagerly awaited the "answer" the Party would supply. When the Moscow trials were held, instead of recognizing them as a guresome frame-up, he saw them as proof of treachery. When the world learned that millions of Russians were in labor camps, he shrugged it off as Capitalist propaganda.

Then came the pact with Nazi Germany, the betrayal of Finland, and the anti-Semitic persecution of "Zionist cosmopolitans". My former friend shrugged and proclaimed, "I have withstood other tests, I will survive this one too."

By now his stubborn faith appeared more pathetic than dangerous.

More recently, Rabbi Meir Kahane announced his leadership of the Jewish people. He insisted that we apply the techniques of street-gang warfare to the rescue of Soviet Jewry. When Jewish organizations, with long experience in battling anti-Semitism, denounced his methods, Kahane's followers attacked them as "establishment".

When the New York Times revealed that Kahane had lived under an alias, and created a phoney student organization in support of the Viet Nam war, his local followers shrugged and said, "He can explain it. There are times when you do what you have to do."

When Kahane's followers, in the name of "love of the Jewish people" intimidated the staff and destroyed the property, of the New York Board of Rabbis, (hardly enemies of Israel) his friends excused it with, "We have a severe leadership problem, some inexperienced leader got out of hand." When Kahane announced a coalition with a man whom police officials labelled a Mafia leader some of his Toronto followers argued heatedly, "Hasn't so bad! No court has proved that he is a gangster. Anyway, sometimes we have to make coalitions with strange people."

Finally, when Kahane pleaded guilty to charges of setting off explosives, they still rallied to their leader. "He will have an explanation" they persisted.

Fanaticism frequently insists on defending the indefensible.

Sol I. Littman

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

WORDS THAT STING

These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel. (Deuteronomy 1:1).

The Book of Deuteronomy contains Moses's words of farewell, in which he recalls the murmurings, the waywardness, and the rebellion of the Children of Israel. To the question: "Is it proper for a leader to take his farewell by admonishing and scolding his people?" our sages have answered: "Do not read Eleh hadvarim, 'These are the words which Moses spoke,' but Eleh hadvorim, 'These are the bees.' Why bees? Because when a bee stings, it suffers pain and dies."

So it was with Moses. He dearly loved his people and for their sake gave up his comforts and promising future in the palace of Pharaoh. For forty years he had led his people and now, when his end was approaching, he assembled them to hear his farewell message. He did not want to scold or rebuke them, but he had to do so because of their backsliding in worshiping the golden calf and in view of their other moral and religious transgressions. His words were like the stings of bees, and they brought him great pain. His anguish was so great that, soon after his farewell address, he died. Like the bees he had given vent to stinging words and when the sting was delivered, his life ended.

This is often the lot of leaders who must suffer because there is need to criticize and reprove, especially when people in general are indifferent and even antagonistic to the spiritual vision these leaders alone can see.

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BOOK REVIEW by Dr. Arnold Ages

Mailer nails Kate Millet

THE PRISONER OF SEX. By Norman Mailer. Little Brown & Co. 240 pp.

Normal Mailer, author of 15 novels and non-fiction works, including FIRE ON THE MOON and ARMIES OF THE NIGHT, has not joined the fray over women's liberation.

It was only a question of time until Mailer would have been drawn in the debate. He was, after all, pictured as the symbol of male chauvinism in Kate Millet's SEXUAL POLITICS. Mailer's private life, moreover -- his several marriages and divorces -- have made him a natural target for the barbs of the new suffragetes.

Mailer's essay is really two exercises in one, the first a devastating critique of Kate Millet's faulty scholarship, the second pure Mailerana on the question of the male-female dialectic.

In her controversial Ph.D dissertation, later turned into a best-selling book, SEXUAL POLITICS, Miss Millet had tried to show that writers such as Henry Miller and Mailer himself had fallen into stereotypic depictions of women.

In his rebuttal, Mailer cites chapter and verse to show how Millet has distorted the meaning of Miller's erotic passages. Where Millet presumed to find derogation of the female species, Mailer tries to show the presence of joy commingled with mystery.

The most biting criticism, Mailer reserves for Millet's style. "The style is suggestive of a night-school lawyer who sips Metrecal to keep his figure, and thereby is so full of isolated proteins, factory vitamins, reconstituted cyclamates, and artificial flavors that one has to pour over the passages like a business contract."

Mailer is merciless in his evaluation of some of the other female liberation advocates. An essay by Martha Shelley brings forth from Mailer references to "piteous tracts, whining and catarrhal styles, ponderous intestinal coils of prose reminiscent of the worst of the old party line. . ." There are few writers the equal of Mailer when savage criticism is needed.

But it is in his analysis of Millet's specious literary criticism that Mailer becomes his most ferocious. Citing passage after passage from Henry Miller, Mailer demonstrates that Miss Millet has completely misunderstood the whole thrust of Miller's celebration of sex. Contrary to her assertion that Miller and Lawrence depicted women as mere sexual objects, Mailer proves that both these writers of the twenties sought merely to give expression to the new freedom experienced by a generation coming out of the Victorian age of prudery and false modesty.

As for Miller's preoccupation with sex, Mailer sees this as the novelist's "barbaric yawp of utter adoration for the power and glory and the grandeur of the female in the universe, and it is his genius to show us that this power can survive any context or any abuse."

After reading Norman Mailer's dissection of Kate Millet and the other advocates of female liberation, I have some doubt as to whether they will be able to survive the assault.

Liberal Rabbi settles in Israel

New York. - A 41-year-old American Liberal rabbi has taken his wife Helen and their three children permanently to settle in Israel.

"Even though I can't be a rabbi there, I'll be a Jew", Rabbi Kenneth Kivkin told the JCNS correspondent here. He left the pulpit of Temple Emanu-El in Livingston, New Jersey, which he served since 1963. He was ordained in 1956 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City.

Rabbi Rivkin fully expects to get involved in the fight to grant Liberal Judaism full recognition in Israel. He will serve as part-time spiritual leader of the Progressive World Union's synagogue in Netanya and work for the Jewish Agency with new immigrants.

He stated that his decision had nothing to do with the strains confronting Jewish congregational life in America today. "Aliya for us represents a commitment to living in Israel as part of the greatest experiment in human history and in the 4,000 years of Jewish life."

Arab students at Hebrew University switch to natural sciences

The recent trend shown by Arab students at the Hebrew University to switch from traditional preferences for literature, history and law in favor of the natural sciences continues.

Figures just released in a report compiled by the Office of the Dean of Students at the University reveal that one third of students from the Israel minorities enrolled for the academic year recently ended were engaged in studies in the natural sciences and allied fields such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and agriculture.

The term minority groups includes Moslem and Christian Arab as well as Druze students, and refers to students from East Jerusalem and the Bethlehem area as well. The information contained in the report was obtained from the student directory, the departments for Student Services and Student Aid, the Registrar's Office and the Pre-Academic Secretariat.

The report also shows that the total number of these students at the University during 1970-71 went up from 205 to 230. This represents an increase of 12.2% over the number enrolled during the same period last year. According to the figures, one third of this group of students study in the Faculty of Humanities while the last third are in such fields as social sciences, law and social work. Thirteen percent of the students were enrolled in the University's one-year pre-academic course, and of this percentage two-thirds were preparing themselves for science studies.

The figures are surprising, for hitherto it had been thought that Arab students tend to gravitate towards the humanities and law rather than the sciences. Last year's report by the Office of the Dean of Students, the first such survey ever to be carried out at the Hebrew University, showed this expectation to be unfounded and that to the contrary a reverse trend was apparent. The set of statistics just issued reconfirms the trend.

The report contains detailed information on the number of students, their distribution according to faculties and departments, and a comparison of figures relative to the preceding year. Also included are data on the allocation of scholarships and accommodation.

The actual breakdown according to faculties reveals that 9.4% of the students were enrolled in the faculty of Law, 10.7% in the social sciences, 9.1% in the medical sciences and 6.9% in education and courses leading towards the diploma in teachers training.

Analysis of the data indicates that in the humanities, the three most attractive fields of study in order of popularity were Arabic language and literature, history of Islam, and general history, with 36, 21 and 13 students respectively. In the social sciences, political science came out a clear favorite among minority students (9 students) with economics, statistics and sociology all coming equal second with four students each. As regards the exact sciences the inter-departmental combination of mathematics-physics was also very popular with 25 students, and chemistry and biology took second and third places with nine and five students respectively.

In addition to the undergraduates, a further 22 students were engaged in M.A. studies. Of this number, Islam and allied subjects accounted for over 68% of the areas studied.

CHEMISTRY POPULAR

One of the most striking facts emerging from this year's survey is the increased popularity of chemistry as a field of study. The 1970-71 figure for minority students enrolled in this department shows an increase of 125% over and above that of the preceding year, while enrollment in the teachers training course was up by 100%, the one-year pre-academic course up by 68.2% and that of the inter-departmental mathematics-physics combination up by 66.7%. Law was also up on last year's figures by 17.4%.

At the same time the figures clearly reflect the trend away from the literary arts. For example, in 1970-71 there were 52.7% fewer students enrolled in the departments of Hebrew language and literature, and (despite its overall popularity as a field of study) 13.8% fewer students in Arabic language and literature. Although the total number of students involved is small, these changes in study trends seem fairly significant from a statistical viewpoint.

The report further shows that IL 84,800 were allocated to a total of 84 minority students in the form of partial and full grants. Analysis of these data reveals that seven students were recipients of individual grants of IL 2,000 each, 62 students received IL 1,000 each and 13 students IL 500 each.

Turning to the aspect of accommodation, 1970-71 saw 105 students from the minority groups living-in in University dormitories. Of these, 42 students were resident on the Mt. Scopus campus and 33 on the campus at Givat Ram. The rest of the students were distributed among the other halls of residence mostly situated in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel suburb. The report further notes that of the remaining 125 students, some continued to live at home (in particular those students whose homes are in the Jerusalem area itself and Bethlehem), while others opted for the hostel facilities provided by various monasteries such as Saint Joseph and Terra Sancta where rents are lower than on campus.

The Jewish family

The Canadian Jewish News introduces a new feature this week. "The Jewish Family" will be a regular column dealing with personal problems affecting Jewish family life.

To begin our series we have invited some of the friends of CJN staff members to share some of their problems with our readers. We invite you to write us and offer your advice and experience. Three of our readers' replies to each question will be published in edited form each week.

We invite you also to share with us the problems affecting your family.

Your letters and replies when published will not contain any identifying information such as name or address unless you request it. You may write under a pseudonym if you choose.

DAUGHTER WON'T VISIT AGING PARENTS

"My husband and I are getting along in years and our greatest joy is our two married daughters and their families. Unfortunately, one daughter likes to keep her distance from us – her "privacy" she calls it – and we seldom see her family more than once every two or three weeks. Is this right? How can we help her understand what seeing them more often would mean to us?

Willowdale Parents

REFUSES BAR MITZVAH TRAINING

"Our son is 10 years old and a good student but he is already telling us that he will not go through with a Bar Mitzvah because he "doesn't believe in it". We are synagogue members but he made such a fuss about going to religious school that we had to let him drop out. My husband is not too concerned but I feel we have made a mistake, What can be done now?

Worried Mother

I AM SURE SHE IS MEETING GENTILE BOYS

"My daughter aged 15 has several gentile girl friends. (She also has some Jewish friends) When she is invited to parties at the homes of her gentile friends, I am sure she is meeting gentile boys, and I am afraid she will get to like one more than the rest. Until now we have always said it is fine to have friends of all religions but to date only Jewish boys, but at this point, since she is still not really dating we don't know where to draw the line."

Surprised at myself

"Shocking and untrue"

American Jewish Congress counterattacks - claim Orthodox represent minority

The American Jewish Congress responded sharply this week to statements printed in the Sunday New York Times (July 18) quoting Orthodox rabbis attacking the Congress for its opposition to public aid to religious schools.

The Times quoted Rabbi Bernard Berzon, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, as accusing the Congress of improperly using Jewish communal funds in a campaign to "destroy the entire Jewish educational system, which has been the main factor in Jewish survival." It quoted Rabbi Bernard Bergman, president of the National Council for Torah Education, as charging the Congress with "pursuing a negative policy that is harmful to Jewish education in America."

In response, Howard M. Squadron of New York, co-chairman of the American Jewish Congress' policy-making National Governing Council, said the reported charges were "shocking and untrue". The two rabbis, he said, represented the view of "a small but vocal minority in American Jewish life," whereas AJCongress' position represented "the overwhelming majority".

Mr. Squadron declared:

"Communal funds coming to the American Jewish Congress are based on how our program reflects the priority concerns of American Jews -- including our work on behalf of Israel, Soviet Jewry, the civil rights of Jews and other minorities, the battle against domestic antisemitism, protecting religious liberty, guarding the separation of church and state and so forth.

"We believe deeply in Jewish education. We also believe, just as firmly that the American Jewish community has the will and the wealth to support its institutions without resorting to government funds. We have urged greater communal support for all forms of Jewish education persistently over the years, and we shall continue to do so.

"But we will not be bulldozed into surrendering our principles on church-state separation by unseemly attacks from some Orthodox spokesmen. What they have lost on the issue will not be gained by false charges against us.

TRACES REASONS FOR AJCONGRESS OPPOSITION TO STATE AID

Mr. Squadron said the AJCongress' position was based upon the principle that "Jewish survival in America has been the product not only of Jewish education but of the protections against the 'establishment of religion' and for 'the free exercise of religion' in the First Amendment." He asserted:

"When the American Jewish Congress, in concert with like-minded organizations, vigilantly defends the constitutional separation of church and state, as we have in non-educational issues as well, it is this historic American protection we are defending -- protection denied the Jewish people in all but a scant 200 of the last 2,000 years.

"Surely the evidence of history is against the rabbis' view that these guarantees of our liberty should now be discarded or bartered away in exchange for funds for Jewish education. Yet that could well be the end result of the gorge they are suggesting we permit in the wall of separation through government funding of religious schools.

"We believe the independence and integrity of Jewish education would be seriously compromised by the government influence and surveillance that would be required by government support. This view was sustained two weeks ago in an historic decision by the U.S. Supreme Court denying state aid to religious schools in cases the American Jewish Congress had cosponsored.

"It is their displeasure with this decision -- which actually reinforced the protections of religious liberty in the First Amendment -- that has produced the rabbis' attacks," Mr. Squadron asserted, adding:

"We have deep understanding of the rabbis' concern for the survival of Jewish education. We share the concern. It is time for all Jewish organizations to join in urging support for Jewish education from the Jewish community, in keeping with our traditions as Jews and Americans."

FOUGHT FOR RIGHTS OF ORTHODOX JEWS

Mr. Squadron, a prominent New York attorney, is a veteran of legislative and court battles to protect the rights of Orthodox Jews. It was his leadership, through the American Jewish Congress, that resulted in the change in the New York law requiring that business establishments be closed on Sunday.

The law disadvantaged observant Jewish businessmen who were required by their religion to keep their Sabbath on Saturday, and it was rewritten to permit them to open on Sunday.

Similarly, the Congress vigorously and successfully fought the practice of holding civil service examinations on Saturday without an alternate day. It has similarly fought employment discrimination against Orthodox Jews required to leave their jobs in time to be home for the Sabbath at sundown Friday and unable to work on Saturday.

Revolutionary machine invented

Haifa. - Two machines that will revolutionize the diamond polishing industry by drastically reducing human labor and fallibility have been developed at the Technion.

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Free loan group aids thousands

A recent meeting of the Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services (Gmilath Chasodim Association) was told that since its founding in 1924, 19,800 familes have been assisted with loans for a total of $4,675,000. The organization advances interest-free loans to needy applicants seeking to re-establish themselves through small enterprises.

It has also assumed responsibility for administering the Scholarship-In-Aid Program, a United Jewish Welfare Fund project for students and vocational trainees, said out-going president, Morris Rubenstein.

Small business loans are available to clients of any creed or national background referred by social agencies, synagogues, churches, and other interested sources. Applicants applying for aid are interviewed by board members who assess the proposed enterprise and counsel the client on efficient business procedures. Where special advice is needed the board provides the expertise of its members in the legal or accounting profession.

Under the agency's scheme the loan limit for business purposes is $900.00, but this can be stretched to $1,500 in particular cases.

Introduced by Morris Adams, J. B. Salsberg, the guest speaker, praised the organization's constructive endeavors. "There is no other organization in Toronto that provides this kind of service for all people who need it," he said. "Asking for an urgent loan is not a sign of failure on the borrower's part. But it is an indication of confidence in people -- it gives them a feeling of self-reliance."

Mr. Salsberg referred to the days when bags of food were handed out at the old "Work House" on Elizabeth Street. "At that time," he said, "there were twelve hundred Jewish families on relief, but the then Mayor could not comprehend as he was under the impression that Jews did not fall under this category."

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Nathan Briks receives gavel from Morris Rubenstein

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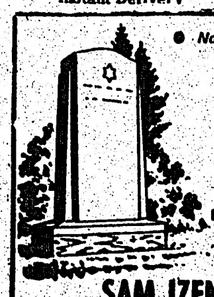

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Ida Kaminska loses support for Yiddish theatre in Israel

by Moshe Ron

Two years ago, when Ida Kaminska visited Israel after her departure from Poland, she was received with great enthusiasm. Nobody dared minimize what she had done for the Yiddish theater and culture of Poland. Nobody forgot that she was the daughter of the mother of the Yiddish theater, Robel Kaminska; Also her husband, actor Meir Melman, was received with great acclaim.

Ida Kaminska and her husband lived in the luxurious Park Hotel in Tel Aviv, for over a month, as guests of the Jewish Agency. Premier Golda Meir, the first lady of the Hebrew theater, Hannah Rovina, famous actors of Habimah, Aharon Meskin and Shimon Finkel, Yiddish artists and writers, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Yehoshua Rabinowitz and leaders of the Jewish Agency, met them.

It was planned to put the hall of the Chamber Theater in Tel Aviv at their disposal three times a week, and to finance the establishment of a dramatic Yiddish theater, by the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Tel Aviv Municipality. This was to be on the same lines as the three distinguished Hebrew theaters -- Habimah, the Chamber theater and the Haifa theater.

Ida Kaminska made a mistake. She did not take advantage of this offer to investigate the possibilities of opening a permanent Yiddish theater in Israel. She announced that she would first visit the U.S. in order to see what would be best for her. She declined the offer to stay in Israel and her departure led to strong criticism.

Ida Kaminska and Meir Melman did not make a great fortune in the U.S. Now they come to Israel for a second visit. If they would have used this visit to meet their old friends and admirers and not waited that these should honor them as in the days of their first visit, maybe all would have passed off quietly and well. But they wished to show themselves again before the Israeli public and appeared in two public performances. The first was a success but the second a big failure. The newspapers and public did not take much interest in their visit. Ida Kaminska expressed her embitterment. She cannot understand, what the Israeli public has against her. During her last visit, she was convinced, that it would not be possible to finance a permanent Yiddish theater in Israel. She had some previous engagements in the U.S. and, therefore, she left Israel.

A few days ago a group of journalists met in the house of the industrialist and promoter of cultural institutions, Israel Polok. Polok and journalist Shalom Rosenfeld (one of the editors of "Maariv") are members of the special Cultural Fund of the Tel Aviv Municipality (over two million dollars) which support writers and artists.

The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, said in the presence of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, the editor of the Israeli Yiddish newspaper, "Letzte Nayes", etc. that a great opportunity had been missed to establish in Tel Aviv a permanent Yiddish theater, because Ida Kaminska decided not to stay in Israel. He added, that the financial basis of such a theater had been secured and that it could also have visited Jewish communities all over the world.

Mayor Rabinowitz praised the Yiddish theater of Szymon Dzygan and declared that the Tel Aviv Municipality would arrange a special jubilee performance in honor of Dzygan.

The Israeli public was completely indifferent to Ida Kaminska's visit. She was embittered and complained that she was not received as she should have been. She hinted that she was now ready to consider settling in Israel and opening a permanent Yiddish theater, if she could obtain financial means for this purpose. But now she is waiting for another proposal or initiative in this direction and the question is, whether she has not missed her chance after she left Israel the first time?

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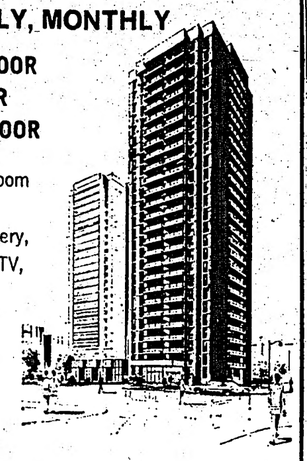

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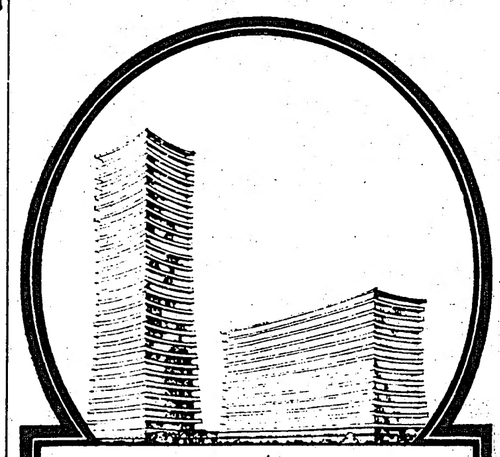

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Few realized they must also pass a qualifying exam to become interns; that the lack of precise medical English would cause many to fail with the result that earning a day-to-day living became a major problem.

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Eban lashes U.N. Commission

Jerusalem. - Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, addressing the Knesset said that "at this time when a United Nations commission (composed of representatives of Somalia, Celyon, and Yugoslavia, three countries which refused to have relations with Israel) is collecting for the Arab propaganda machine false testimony on the oppression of the Arab population by the State of Israel, Arab terrorists, sworn enemies of the State, are begging us for asylum."

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Stratford magic dwindles

by Sol I. Littman

The Duchess of Malfi

Some of the magic is going out of the Stratford Festival. Somehow, the play-going has become more formidable and less exciting. The trappings of the Festival, the pennants, the blaring trumpets, the graceful swans which used to thrill, have become pretentious. Stratford itself hasn't improved much. It's still difficult to get accommodations and there are few restaurants of any distinction.

Even murder becomes a dull business. Especially when you watch it performed wholesale. If you see The Duchess of Malfi and Macbeth on succeeding nights, you see more than a dozen corpses, stained with the livid red of stage gore.

The Duchess of Malfi, directed by John Gascon, artistic director of the Stratford Festival, is both badly directed and a bad play to begin with. Gascon, faced with a poor vehicle, attempts several repair jobs but the patches show and are clumsily applied.

The Duchess of Malfi is an Italianate melodrama. It's theme is unreasonable anger

Barry MacGregor *Antonio*, and Pat Galloway *Duchess of Malfi*.

and prolonged, sadistic revenge. It was a theme well understood in its time. Revenge was obviously an obsessive concern in a world in which justice and the rule of law were the exception.

Shakespeare also deals with the theme repeatedly. Unfortunately, Webster, although almost contemporary, is not Shakespeare.

In Shakespeare the "crisis of conscience" begins early in the play and constitutes the real subject matter of the drama. Hamlet, Macbeth and Richard II are tragedies because the villians, though monstrous, are men plagued by conscience.

In the Duchess of Malfi, villainy is executed in the name of villainy without the background of a moral crisis. When conscience finally does reach the heart of its characters, the play is two thirds done and the introduction seems artificial and laughable.

Gascon, recognizing that he has a wordy play, full of obscure speeches, tries to inject life by using elements belonging to other plays. The scene in which the Duchess of Malfi and her husband are expelled from the church is turned into a vivid scene of horror with masked figures, distorted religious symbols and bizaare props. It proves to be a gross overinvestment in a very brief scene. It's grotesquerie is an obvious steal from Felini's Satyricon.

There is also obvious borrowing from Marat-Sade in a scene in which the insane rise from the center-stage trap-door and crawl, slither and limp menacingly toward the Countess. Even the madmen's costume's are direct copies.

Gascon has a major problem in providing some understandable motivation for the absolute refusal of the brothers to accept their widowed sister's remarriage. Their willingness to destroy her and murder her husband and children seems incomprehensible to a contemporary audience. (It was obviously considered excessive even in Jacobean times). Gascon, desperate for an explanation suggests that brother Ferdinand has an unnatural lust for his sister; an insinuation which would do very well except that it obviously fails to explain the other brother, the mistress-consorting Cardinal.

Pat Galloway is very good as the Duchess of Malfi; not great, but good. She looks extremely attractive on stage and manages to convey the warmth and femininity required for the role.

Roland Hewgill is inadequate as Ferdinand. He throws himself about the stage in an effort to convey rage but manages to evoke only amusement in the audience. Having been told that Europeans point with their thumbs rather than their forefingers, he prances about giving little thumbs-up signs. He is also physically clumsy. Each of his exits is accompanied by a flourish of the cape which is intended to be princely and show determination and finality. However, the cape-work is so poorly executed that it looks as though the bull has caught up with him.

Costumes by Desmond Heely are magnificent in texture but much too dull in color. There has been a tendency of late to "brown-out" both lighting and costumes on the Stratford stage. The results are soporific rather than dramatic.

I am still puzzled by the character of Bosola, played by Powys Thomas. What is curious about Bosola is that he has a conscience, a sense of humor, he is frank, he sees through sham and is unafraid of his masters. He is, however, for hire, and executes the Duchess and her children with only the mildest fluttering of conscience. It is only when he is cheated by Ferdinand that he responds out of anger rather than honor. When his conscience finally is aroused it reaches no particular depths.

All in all, Webster's play is more horrible than tragic and much longer than necessary. If you enjoy mass murder, on-stage garotting and the death of children, the Duchess of Malfi may be the play for you.

Pat Galloway *Duchess of Malfi*, and Joyce Campion *Cariola*.

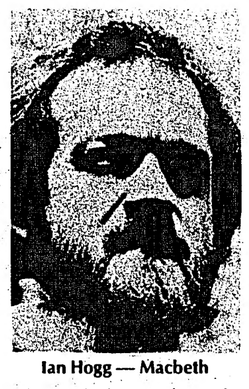
Macbeth direction fails

More of the same for Macbeth. What can you do with a play that depends for much of its suspense on the mutterings of three witches and the appearance of ghosts? One of the alternatives is to do it so well, so authentically that the brutality, the superstition, the ignorance, and the persistence of evil in the time in which the play was set, becomes real and comprehensible.

Macbeth is an ambitious, treacherous, border Scot. If he has anything to say to us today it must grow out of the soil and the mists of his own habitat.

Instead, Director Peter Gill seeks to create a universal Macbeth. He costumes his characters in a design which defies identification in any particular country. There are suggestions of the Aztec, the Assyrian, the Egyptian, but never the Scottish. What follows is puzzling and characterless, rather than colorful and satisfying.

Gill also dresses half of his cast in sort of grey-blue



Ian Hogg — Macbeth

prions denim tunic and trousers. There is much running on and running off -- dashing back and forth, greeting and clutching, but no real movement. The blocking was probably the most amateurish ever seen at Stratford. The play's characters stand on the trap-door center stage, face the audience and recite their speeches as though it were an elocution class. The occasional bits of business are artificial and obvious. The battle scenes are weak and even the man-to-man sword encounters are clumsy and could have been performed better by youngsters carrying sticks and garbage can lids. Gill also "universalized" the properties. Extras were constantly trundling in large wooden cubes that looked like nursery school play-blocks -- the big kind usually requiring two toddlers to handle them.

The best three performances are given by Eric Donkin, Joyce Campion and Sheila Haney. They play first, second and third witch respectively. Curiously, the witches were the best part of the play.

Italian Straw Hat a romp

An Italian Straw Hat by Eugene Labiche at the Avon Theater is a gallop and a romp. It is bright, lively and full of charm.

It may be a period piece but it is worth preserving. The costumes are magnificent, the decor fun, and the whole comedy is permeated by a brightness and clarity badly needed in the Festival Playhouse.

The plot is too complicated and silly to recount in detail. It is sufficient to know that it is a French farce of the 1850's, that it deals with the efforts of a young man to locate a duplicate of a straw hat worn by a lady while meeting her soldier-lover. It is the young man's wedding day and the search seriously interferes with his efforts to proceed with the wedding ceremony. Tony Van Bridge, as the father-in-law, Nonancourt, is endlessly funny. Robin Gammell, who plays the hero Fadinard, is droll, Chaplinesque, and has the energy to sustain a highly frenetic performance. Mary Savidge, as the Baroness, has great style and Edwin Stephenson carries himself like a character out of a Daumier cartoon, his lips pursed, head thrown back in a pose of elegance, superficial and narcissistic.

Tony van Bridge

See it. It is the best thing in the Festival so far.

"Willard" casts rodents for furry mob role

by Gail Lewis

Movie buffs with a taste for the macabre will find Willard, "the movie which must not be seen alone" worth a viewing.

If you were rendered insomniac by The Mummy or cowered at King Kong take along a companion. All others would go better armed with their sense of humor.

Willard Stiles, a contemporary Pied Piper, adopts one family of rats and proceeds to breed, feed, and knead them into a Damon Runyon-type mob. Aided by a cast of hundreds -- all rats -- he foils arch-villain Mr. Martin, nemesis of the Stiles family. In true Oilcan Harry fashion, Martin has stolen the family business and is now about to foreclose on the family mansion.

Just retribution is meted out in this classic melodrama but its all for laughs as sheer bulk of numbers gives rise to some very funny situations.

When Willard begins transporting his mob in briefcases, and appears publicly with rat tails hanging from his pockets we are forced to chuckle despite the sinister historical connotations of rat.

The final confrontation with Martin finds our Pied Piper arriving with a trunkload of rats, his backseat crammed full of the furry little fellows. This scene was reminiscent of a Cecil B. DeMille extravaganza.

Newcomer Bruce Denison gives an impressive performance as Willard. His facial expressions in particular, effectively convey the emotional progression of his character from cowed, pitiful weakling to King of the Pack. The real artist of the film is Ernest Borgnine who portrays the evil, Martin with consummate skill.

Some fun is had from two venerable character actors, Angela Lansbury as Willard's mother, and J. Pat O'Malley, the undertaker.

Special mention must be given to Socrates and Ben, two almost lovable rats who stole the show. Ben who undergoes a Jekyl and Hyde transformation proves the point -- rats do have a personality. Skilful camerawork captures his changing moods.

This film has been touted in its promotion as a sister film to Alfred Hitchcock's suspense thriller "The Birds". Hitchcock admirers should not be deceived. The only resemblance between these two films lies in the use of large numbers of animals -- in itself a feat of no small magnitude. Special effects in both films are on a par, but the audience never reaches the peak of fear in Willard, that it does in "The Birds".

Although it cannot have the impact of a Frankenstein -- pioneer of the horror melodrama -- it is with films of this genre that Willard can be equated.

The question we are left with is how to get rid of thousands of rats. See Willard at the Uptown 1 for the answer.

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